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BLM Fuel Wood Sale Lottery to Take Place

TAOS, New Mexico – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Taos Field Office will conduct a fuel wood sale on May 24-26, 2003. The wood, harvested from a hazardous fuels reduction project, will be sold by lottery on May 20, 2003, for \$45.00 per cord. There is a two-cord limit per household. The wood consists of 45% pinon, 40% juniper, 10% ponderosa pine and 5% oak

To apply for the lottery drawing, mail a 3 x 5 postcard or hand deliver it to the BLM Office indicating one or two cords. If any of the contact information is missing, the application will be eliminated from the drawing. The person listed on the application must be present at the wood pickup site. There are no exceptions. All vehicles/trailers used for wood pickup must be street legal. Money will be collected and a wood permit issued at the scheduled pick up time. Only cash or money orders will be accepted.

Entries must be received by no later than close of business Tuesday, May 20. Mail or hand deliver to:

Bureau of Land Management Attention: Fuel Wood Sales 226 Cruz Alta Rd. Taos, NM 87571-5983

The lottery selections will occur on May 20, 2003, after close of business. Selected applicants will be notified by telephone on May 21 and will be given directions to the wood pickup site. To prevent unauthorized removals, we have not included the site's location. Applicants unable to pick up wood on these dates should not apply.

The harvested wood is pre-stacked, cut and ready for removal. The wood is cut into 3 to 5 foot lengths and range from 3 to 12 inches in diameter. Most of the firewood is less than eight inches in diameter.